ARRL The national association for AMATEUR RADIO
INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION

JIM HAYNIE
W5JBP, PRESIDENT
JOEL M. HARRISON
W5ZN, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
KAY C. CRAIGIE
N3KN, VICE PRESIDENT
FRIED HEYN
WA6WZO, VICE PRESIDENT
RODNEY J. STAFFORD
W6ROD, VICE PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
JAMES E. McCOBB
W1LLU, TREASURER
DAVID SUMNER
K1ZZ, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFIC
SECRETARY
BARRY J. SHELLEY
N1VXY, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFI
MARK J. WILSON
K1RO, CHIEF OPERATING OFFI
MARY M. HOBART
K1MMH, CHIEF DEVELOPMENT
QST
OFFICIAL JOURNAL

October 23, 2003

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club #W9RH
PO Box 070695
St Francis WI 53207

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining the campaign to fight Broadband Over Power Lines. Your gift to ARRL's Special Campaign for Spectrum Defense of $50 received on 10/17/2003 will provide vital resources to help us fight this new threat.

Action on Access BPL and vigilance on other spectrum issues requires significant financial resources. Your support for ARRL's Spectrum Defense Fund for Access BPL will provide vital funding for our efforts to monitor this issue in all corners of government, and to conduct the tests to build our case. With your support, ARRL representatives can keep watchful eyes on those who would shortchange Amateur Radio. With your support, our technical staff can prepare engineering studies to refute industry claims that certain new technologies can peacefully coexist with hams. With your support, our staff can work with industry to develop techniques to minimize potential interference to amateur operations. Threats to Amateur Radio increase every year, and we must expand efforts to meet the challenges to your hard-earned privileges.

Commercial interests have a strong arm on Capitol Hill. In the political world, numbers equals power. As an ARRL member and donor to the Spectrum Defense Fund, you add your voice to the thousands of active hams who are saying, "No! You will not make our frequencies useless!"

If you haven't already done so, you'll want to read the information available about the Broadband Over Power Line issue on the ARRL website. The following link will take you to an article with further links to research and information: http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/08/21/4/?nc=1. We'll be updating this information continuously so check in regularly to stay up-to-date on the status of the field studies and the FCC's deliberation.

Thanks for doing your part to support ARRL and Amateur Radio as we defend our spectrum from this new potentially devastating threat.

Sincerely,

Mary Hobart

Mary M. Hobart, K1MMH
Chief Development Officer

Note: The American Radio Relay League is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Your recognition items will be sent separately.